

Washington, DC – This week, US Congressman Mike Honda (CA-17), a senior member the House Appropriations Committee, was named to the following subcommittees of that body: Commerce, Justice and Science and Labor, Health and Human Services and Education.

“In the new 113th Congress, and as senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will continue to fight for federal funding for my CA-17 district and to ensure that we allocate our nation’s limited budget intelligently by investing in our future,” said Rep Honda. “My Appropriations Committee assignments give me a solid foundation from which to safeguard Silicon Valley priorities.”

From his seat on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science (CJS), Rep Honda will continue to oversee federal efforts to promote job creation, economic growth, and US competitiveness in the global marketplace; science, technology, and innovation programs; important federal law enforcement activities; the Census; and environmental monitoring and protection efforts.

During over six years of service on the CJS Subcommittee, Rep Honda has championed higher funding levels for the National Science Foundation, National Institute for Standards and Technology, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, agencies which support critical research and development needed to keep America ahead in the competitive global innovation economy. He has led the effort to locate a satellite office of the US Patent and Trademark Office in Silicon Valley, and fought to increase funding for programs important to US manufacturers in the Department of Commerce such as the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, which helps small and mid-sized US manufacturers create and retain jobs, increase profits, and save time and money, and the International Trade Administration, which supports US exports through the Foreign Commercial Service.

Rep Honda is returning to the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHSEd) Subcommittee after a two year absence. He looks forward to following through on the work of the Educational Equity and Excellence Commission that he created in his previous stint on the subcommittee, to ensure that each and every child will receive the necessary resources they need individually to thrive in our nation’s schools. In addition, Rep Honda is committed to making sure that the subcommittee provides funding for the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, which is critical to reducing the disparities in health care across our nation.

During his time on the CJS subcommittee, Rep Honda has secured tens of millions of dollars for Silicon Valley for important agencies and projects such as: the Santa Clara County Crime Lab; juvenile detention reform; youth gang intervention; training the next generation of weather forecasters; training judicial personnel to deal with child abuse victims; a mobile identification, field reporting, and records management system for the San Jose Police; and assistance for

victims of domestic violence and human trafficking; just to name a few.

Rep. Honda has also used his position on the CJS subcommittee to champion civil liberties by conducting oversight on allegations of racial profiling and culturally insensitive law enforcement training methods by the government. Additionally, as CJS Subcommittee member, Rep Honda consistently and successfully fought for hundreds of millions of dollars for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, a program that ensures that local law enforcement are reimbursed for federal expenses they incur.

While a member of the LHHSEd subcommittee, Rep Honda delivered funding for vital services in Silicon Valley, including mobile mammography units, community health centers, domestic violence shelters and response programs, life-skills education for new Americans, homeless respite care, workplace literacy, workforce training programs, and a variety of education enhancement projects. He fought to deal with the danger posed regionally by tuberculosis, and championed funding to reduce the threat of hepatitis. As a strong advocate for promoting technological innovation in healthcare, introducing legislation like the Healthcare Innovation and Marketplace Technologies Act, Rep. Honda looks forward to using his return to the LHHS subcommittee to ensure proper funding for this issue.

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